

1 We commend this proposal. We recommend its
2 adoption. I will rest on that.

3 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gallagher.

4 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President and ladies and
5 gentlemen of the Convention. We come at last to the subject
6 matter that has been the object of some correspondence these
7 past several weeks. I apologize for all the memoranda but
8 it becomes necessary to provide you with as much material as
9 possible because of the various arguments that were being
10 scattered about with respect to single-member districts.
11 This Convention disposed at one point of the question of
12 whether or not there should be exclusive single-member
13 districts by voting 83 to 52 in the affirmative. Since that
14 time there has been considerable pressure brought to bear
15 by the wooden soldiers of the status quo -- to use a phrase
16 which is bandied about these days -- who are afraid that
17 their positions of security will be impaired by this par-
18 ticular approach. I apologize to them. It is quite true
19 that the proposal that you had before you is identical with
20 that which you have rejected before and which I commended
21 at one time, but let me say that a preacher before the burial